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Hi,

I am a US Citizen and I feel that the proposed settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case will do nothing to change the monopolistic practices of Microsoft.

Any settlement which does not severely restrict Microsoft from simultaneous operation in the OS and Internet, and Applications market will do little to create a fair open computer software arena in which competitors have a chance.

I recently upgraded a computer from Windows 95 to Windows XP. Windows XP is an advertising platform for additional generally unrelated Microsoft products and services.

As a specific example the "Passport" advertizement is a carefully worded almost lie. When you attempt to connect to the internet the XP system prompts you popping up a window saying that you MUST have a passport to browse the internet. This is untrue and the average user will be unable to distinguish between the actual wording that says you MUST have a passport for the use of MICROSOFT services the the wording I used above.

There are numerous other advertising features embeded in XP which present Microsoft products and services as the necessary for use of the OS or Internet. These presentations are unfair and continue to bolster Microsofts monopolistic position in the software market.

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